



# SWARCKER NEWS

June 2011

## MINUTES FROM MEETING

### Minutes for June 6, 2011

Jeremy opened the meeting

Christy gave the Treasury Report

44 members on the roster

W4V special event report given by Mark W.

The club received the 2 banners we had ordered  
Reminder to check the website for updates

Next meeting July 11,2011

Meeting Place:

Golden Corral Fuquay Varina

Dinner at 6:00pm with the meeting to follow at 7:00pm

Program WRAL Weather

Check out our nightly Nets on the 145.210 (BLACKJACK) repeater.

Sunday.....W3OJO.....Joe  
Monday.....AJ4NX.....Adrian  
Tuesday.....KA0GMY..Steve  
Wednesday....KJ4CVK...Kenny  
Thursday.....KK4BVU..Tom  
Friday.....NC4MP.....Mark  
Saturday.....KD4KII....Phill

Nightly nets start at 7:30 pm

Traders net held on Tuesday nights after the shortened rag chew net.

July 4 meeting has been moved to the 11<sup>th</sup> we are going to try and get a spot in golden corral and the program will be the wral weather guys

Reminder to give breaks on the repeater and to ID every 10 minutes especially during drive time.

Field day is 25-26 at the Fuquay Varina American Legion Building the club will provide Hamburgers and Hot Dogs for dinner the night of the 25<sup>th</sup> bring a side

Motion made to buy hamburgers and hotdogs

Motion passed

Motion made by Tim to increase the payment to the church from \$100 to \$300 effective July 1, 2011

Motion Passed

Adrian Gave the Net Whip Report

We need net control ops. Contact Adrian at aj4nx@yahoo.com

### DUES ARE DUE!!!! See Ryan

Motion made that Kenny can no longer come to meetings without two pans of his sisters banana pudding

Motion Passed

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### Official Ballot for the 2011/2012 elections and the results

#### TREASURY REPORT

#### ELECTION RESULTS

##### Additions

50/50 raffle 05/02/2011	20.00
Donations	12.00
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Total	32.00

##### President

Anna KF4USQ  
Jeremy KJ4FYX Winner

##### Vice President

Anna KF4USQ Winner  
Glen N4AZR

##### Reductions

RARS Fest Tables	KJ4FYX	54.00 ck# 1154
SWARC Banners	2 ea	135.00 ck# 1155
Meal Expenses 05/02/2011		18.17 ck# 1156
P.O. Box rental 05/03/2011		50.00 ck# 1157
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Total		257.17

##### Treasury

Christy KJ4AEO

##### Membership

Ryan NC4RA Winner  
Art KI4YII

##### Secretary

Chris KG4WFD Winner  
Glen N4AZR

##### Members at Large

Dave Y K4MSE Winner  
Tim W4TAR Winner  
Dave C KJ4HNA  
Mark W AJ4KZ

#### NET REPORT

Hello to all! I will consider this net report my first official report, since this is my first full net report. This report covers all nets for the month of May.

#### THE FUTURE

The following visitors where at the club meeting.

KD4KII Phil  
KK4ADT Roy  
KK4ATC Toby  
KK4BVT Greg  
KK4CHX Shaun  
KK4CKK Lloyd  
Zoe  
Kelsi  
Mary  
Cindy  
Richard

Folks I am here to tell you that with young hams like KK4ATC Toby and KK4CHX Shaun the future of ham radio looks bright.

Net Sessions: 30 (1 net report not accounted for)

SWARC members participating: 22

Visitors participating: 62

Total checkins: 562

Average of 19 checkins a night

Net Control Operators

AJ4NX ran 9 nets  
KJ4CVK ran 9 nets  
KK4BVU (guest) ran 5 nets  
NC4MP ran 3 nets  
KA0GMY ran 3 nets  
KD4KII (guest) ran 1 net

**NET REPORT CONTINUED****Top 10 Checkins Listing**

Checkin champs.....KK4BVU (guest)- 29 checkins  
NC4MP- 29 checkins  
2nd.....WA2YBM- 28 checkins  
3rd.....KJ4CVK- 27 checkins  
4th.....KD4KII (guest)- 24 checkins  
5th.....KA0GMY- 22 checkins  
KI4WAI (guest)- 22 checkins  
6th.....KJ4QNW (guest)- 21 checkins  
7th.....KI4YXO- 18 checkins  
KI4GNC- 18 checkins  
KI4ZBU (guest)- 18 checkins  
8th.....KE4RUN (guest)- 17 checkins  
9th.....WW4TLB (guest)- 15 checkins  
KI4HFY (guest)- 15 checkins  
10th.....KK4BVT (guest)- 14 checkins  
KJ4WLG (guest)- 14 checkins

That is what I got for May 2011. I will safely say that we had some pretty good participation for May! An average of 19 checkins per night is not bad at all, at least that's my opinion. I would like to properly thank KK4BVU for taking over the Thursday night net, as well as KD4KII for taking over the Saturday night net! Once again, and anytime if you notice somebody listed as a guest, but are actually a member, or the other way around, please let me know and I will make the correction. As of now, we have a net control for each night, but my door is always open for anyone that has interest in becoming a net control! If you are interested in becoming a net control for SWARC, please shoot me an email at aj4nx@yahoo.com. Or if you hear me on the air, that works just as well! Until next time, 73!

~AJ4NX~  
~SWARC Net Whip~

**K4MSE THOUGHTS**

Hi guys....

Overall:

Jack did a great job getting with the FV "Run the Quay" folks and calling out to get the club members set up to help. He had four folks ready and he, Joe W3OJO, and I were the ones that showed. We were lucky to have had another ham on the route taking photos and he worked an area we needed to cover, so it all worked out. Jack had me running the "Net Control" with the EMS guys at the run because it was right across from my house (I'm so lazy!). He had made excellent maps of the route and locations for the hams and where they needed to be. There was a copy for each ham too. Overall great support to the Chamber's event.

Stuff we need to keep in mind:

First, keep your team individual's abilities in mind. Not all of us have the same level of training, planning, operating time in the Amateur Service, or whatever. The one thing we all share is the ability to serve. Second, always brief the plan to the crew before you step out. Why?? I was unaware that my HT battery died at the most inopportune time...just as the trail vehicle passed Jack. My last transmission was to pull it back into the event location, but I'm not sure it made it out. Anyway, when I FINALLY changed batteries....I couldn't raise anyone on my HT and I still had runners coming in. I went to the 145.21 and found them there. With the HT, it was a pain trying to get my 3 watts of smoking hot HT power through their quick triggers key ups! It took me 5 minutes to break in. By then, some were on the way home. Third, pick a Simplex freq OTHER THAN 146.52 and operate Mobiles on LOW Power. Several stations heard us and wanted to chat, or were more powerful and making contacts over us. If you are on the universal Simplex, it's kind of hard to ask other Hams to get off. If we pick an off-the-wall simplex freq that most hams would just stumble into, they have no issues when we tell them the freq is in use for a public service event. It wasn't a factor, but could have been. Fourth, Net Control needs to be a mobile station (i.e. use your car's mobile) It allows you to step up the power and get through the chatter/other HTs should you need to get the word out. Ideas and Lessons Learned: (These are some things I observed with a fresh set of eyes and simply wanted to make candid observations we could all learn from...I did!) 1. Accountability is important. Don't let the team leave until they check out with Net Control and it is confirmed (not in the blind!), or come into the event and check out in person.

2. Net Control should be the Team Leader. Also, brief a plan and direct what you want done. Don't assume everyone knows what to do, or where to go.
3. Take into account each individual's ability level.
4. Pick a Simplex freq other than 146.52....how about 145.55 (Triple Nickle!)

5. Let people know what to expect at the event ahead of time if you know....i.e. Breakfast provided, T-shirts for volunteers, need a car to follow, etc... everywhere and NO ONE wondered what my role was at the event!

**K4MSE THOUGHTS****RUMORS ABOUND IN SWARC**

6. Wear your SWARC T-Shirt and if using an HT, a headset/mike combo works wonders! Everyone "knows" you are one of the "Radio Geeks" just by looking at you! It pays to advertise!!!! That was me and I was able to go everywhere and NO ONE wondered what my role was at the event!

7. Develop a "Go Kit" with a Generic Public Service Event Support checklist and the Safety Vests/Banner.

8. Make sure the Team Leader/Net Control has worked a Public Service event before! (I hadn't, but I've done enough Military stuff to "fake it" pretty well!)

9. Make it a goal to have every club member work at least two events per year.

10. Know how to operate your radio, or bring your manual with you!! ("I can't program that! It has been 20 years since I saw an old Brick of a Yeasu like that!")

Thanks!

Dave  
K4MSE

**FIELD DAY**

Okay Gang it is here. What you may ask? Why it is Field Day of course. This Saturday and Sunday is the event that takes place nation wide. It is the practice of your emergency communication skills. It is time to see if you can setup and operate under emergency conditions. It is set to be a great week end. Some of us are going to set up Friday night. Official set up will be Saturday with take down being Sunday. We are going to operate the following.

80 mtrs phone.....	K9RII
40 mtrs phone.....	W3OJO
20 mtrs Phone.....	N4MRW
15 & 10 mtrs phone.....	KA0GMY
PSK.....	NC4MP
APRS.....	N4AZR
CW.....	KJ4KZ

K4MSE is bringing a generator so we will need gas. Saturday we will be having hamburgers and hot dogs. If you are coming to dinner please bring a side dish and or dessert.

Come on out and participate.

Recently I had the honor and privilege of making a trip to beautiful Pikeville, NC to pay NC4MP, old Papa Smurf himself a visit! It was a nice day and I had absolutely nothing better to do! I saw him alright, in fact, I saw WAY more than I bargained for. I got there and saw NC4MP and his best-est bud laying out by the pool tanning, catching sun rays, and both in their speedos. This sight was so horrid, I fainted and fell into the pool. All I know is that somebody was nice enough to dial 911 for me because I finally woke up in a hospital room. Once I could see clearly, that's when I realized I should have stayed asleep. I saw NC4MP standing there which was cool because he was fully clothed. Then I looked to the other side of my bed, and his best-est bud was standing there, still in his speedo! That's when the nurses had to rush into the room and heavily sedate me due to the horror I just saw. When I re-awakened, I found myself in a padded room. After an extensive mental evaluation, the conclusion was reached that I was just fine! It was determined that my reaction was due to the horror that I witnessed some time before hand. It was also suggested that I have NC4MP charged with cruel and unusual punishment. After taking some time to think about it, I decided not to have him charged because I consider NC4MP a good friend, and I know he would not do something like this to me intentionally! As far as the best-est bud goes, I decided not to mention any names or call signs because if you have been listening to the repeater lately, you know exactly who it is!  
~AJ4NX~

*Hope  
To  
See  
You  
At  
The*  
*July 11, 2011  
Monday  
Night*

**Hope  
To See  
Everyone  
At  
Field day**

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#### Public Service through Amateur Radio.

South Wake ARC's primary purpose is to further the Amateur Radio Service through programs, activities, and education, in order to promote the radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency of our members. Further, it shall be our purpose to support the welfare of our community through public service including radio communications for emergency situations and public events, and through providing information, training, and assistance to individuals or organizations with an interest in the Amateur Radio Service.